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(a) The armed forces of the U.S.S.R. present a rather imposing array of military strength.

(1) The Soviet Army is estimated to consist of 175 divisions (2,500,000 troops) in being, with reserve forces equivalent to ____ divisions that can be mobilized for active duty within a relatively short time. The active divisions are considered to be, by modern standards, well equipped with tanks and artillery. The armies of the Soviet satellites in Western Europe are estimated to provide an additional ____ divisions. As currently deployed, these forces are estimated to be capable of successfully defending the U.S.S.R. against any invasion by hostile ground forces that could be brought against them within the foreseeable future. In addition, the current deployment of the Soviet armies indicates an immediate capability for a series of concurrent offensive operations as follows:-

- (a) A campaign against Western Europe including Italy,
- (b) Campaigns against the Near and Middle East, including Yugoslavia, Iran, Greece, and Turkey, and
- (c) Campaigns with limited objectives in Asia Minor.

Against the relatively weak forces that could be brought to bear against them at the present time, the Soviet armies are considered to be capable of over-running and occupying all of Europe within a period of six months time.

(2) (a) The Soviet Air Force is estimated to consist of

about 20,000 combat aircraft organized in active units as follows:-

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| (1) Strategic | 1900 |
| (2) Tactical | 13,300 |
| (3) Naval | 3,100 |
| (4) Air Defense | 1,600 |
| (5) Reserve | ? |

Production of U.S.S.R. aircraft seems to have been standardized recently around the Soviet MiG-15 jet fighter and the TU-4 (B-29 type) medium bomber models which compare favorably in performance with similar U.S. types.

- (b) The Soviet Air Force is committed to be capable of—
- (1) Effectively supporting all Soviet army operations
 - (2) Air Bombardment of the British Isles
 - (3) Delivery of atomic bombs to targets in Canada and the United States
 - (4) Supporting airborne attacks on Alaska and other isolated advance U.S. bases
 - (5) Limited Interception of U.S. sea and air lines of communication
 - (6) Providing a defense of the U.S.S.R. against air attack

The capability of the Soviet Air Force to deliver bombs to targets, and to provide effective defense against air attacks, is estimated to be severely limited at present through a deficiency in the electronic equipment necessary for air operation under all conditions of weather and visibility.

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Delivery of bombs from present U.S.A.F. bases to most significant U.S. targets is currently estimated to require a high proportion of "one-way" missions by B-52 aircraft.

(3) The Soviet Navy is estimated to consist of local defense forces primarily deployed to provide an obstacle to direct invasion from the sea. The principal offensive power of the Soviet Navy rests in its submarine fleet (including 150-165 medium and long-range fleet submarines) which at present is numerically larger in active vessels than all other immediately available active submarine forces that could be placed in action. The Soviet submarine fleet is considered to be capable at present of conducting offensive operations against Anglo-American sea lines of communications with high probability of achieving significant success.

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